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SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE: NOMINATION DEADLINE

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1. IN REVIEWING OUR RECORD ON NOMINATION DEADLINES (PARA 7 REFTEL), WE FIND THAT OUR NOMINATIONS FOR AY 1975-76, WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS, WERE POUCHED FROM DEPARTMENT BEFORE MID-FEBRUARY. SPECIFICALLY, OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT 9 LECTURER AND 5 RESEARCH SCHOLAR NOMINATIONS WERE POUCHED ON FEBRUARY 6, AND 10 GRADUATE STUDENT NOMINATIONS WERE SENT ON FEBRUARY 11.

2. EXCEPTIONS INCLUDED 3 JUNIOR LECTURER NOMINATIONS (A NEW CATEGORY) AND ONE SENIOR LECTURER (REPLACEMENT FOR EARLIER NOMINEE WHO WITHDREW) POUCHED O/A APRIL 10, AND TWO SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATIONS FOR RESEARCH SCHOLARS WHICH WERE ADMITTEDLY LATE (O/A MARCH 25) BECAUSE RECRUITMENT WAS REQUIRED IN EFFORT TO MEET QUOTA.

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3. FOR AY 1976-77, EMBASSY BY NOW SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED

PANEL OF 3 LECTURERS, 4 JUNIOR LECTURERS, AND 8 RESEARCH SCHOLARS WHICH WERE POUCHED ON DECEMBER 22. AS INDICATED IN COVERING MEMO, CIES INTENDS TO ABIDE BY DEADLINE WITH

POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS FOR CASES WHERE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FROM MIN ED BEFORE NOMINATION CAN BE MADE. WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE GRADUATE STUDENT PANEL IN NEAR FUTURE, AND FORESEE NO DIFFICULTY IN MEETING TARGET DATE FOR THIS CATEGORY.

4. WE ARE WONDERING WHETHER SLOW POUCH SERVICE, PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS AT POST, OR OTHER FACTORS WERE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEFICIENCIES IN OUR OWN RECORD ALLUDED TO BY THE EMBASSY. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.

5. FACED WITH THE PROSPECT OF A TIGHT CU BUDGET THROUGH AT LEAST FY-1977, WE HAVE A STRONG INCENTIVE FOR STRICTER ADHERENCE TO NOMINATION DEADLINES ON BOTH SIDES IN ORDER THAT UNEXPENDED FUNDS CAN BE SHIFTED IN A RATIONAL AND TIMELY MANNER. SISCO

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